

## National On-Farm Energy Initiative (NOFEI)

**Initiative Description/Summary:** Under the Food Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, Title II, Subtitle F – EQIP, Section 2501 provides authority for use of EQIP (as a national purpose) to specifically address energy conservation through practice implementation and for development of an Agricultural Energy Management Plan. During fiscal year (FY) 2013, the program is designed to assist producers in two ways:

- 1) Identify ways to conserve energy on their farms through an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP) conservation activity plan (CAP), also known as an on-farm energy audit; and also
- 2) Provide assistance to implement various recommended measures through the use of conservation practice standards offered through this initiative, such as the Farmstead Energy Improvement 374.

Only through implementation of recommended measures and conservation practices will energy conservation, efficiency, and savings be achieved.

**Approved Land Types** – The following land types are eligible for this initiative: cropland, pasture, grazed range, native/naturalized pasture, and headquarters.

**Approved Natural Resource Concerns:** The major resource concerns addressed will be Inefficient Energy Use – Equipment and Facilities Energy and Inefficient Energy Use – Farming/Ranching Practices and Field Operations.

**Core Practices** offered for this initiative: A core practice is **required** to be planned in each NOFEI contract.

Practice Name	Practice Code
Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Headquarters	122
Agricultural Energy Management Plan - Landscape	124
Farmstead Energy Improvement	374
Irrigation Water Management	449
Pumping Plant	533

### **Conservation Practices Eligible For Payment:**

Practice Code	Practice
122	Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Headquarters
124	Agricultural Energy Management Plan – Landscape
328	Conservation Crop Rotation
329	Residue Management
340	Cover Crop
374	Equipment Improvements
436	Irrigation Storage Reservoir
449	Irrigation Water Management
533	Pumping Plant

# Screening Criteria Requirements:

The following screening criteria shall be used to support this initiative.

**NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  
National On-Farm Energy Initiative  
NATIONAL SCREENING CRITERIA WORKSHEET - Fiscal Year 2013**  
*A Screening Worksheet must be completed for each eligible EQIP application.*

<b>Instructions:</b>			
This screening worksheet must be completed for each eligible producer applying for EQIP On-Farm Energy Initiative assistance. Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; however, application periods are established for purposes of evaluation, ranking, and funding decisions.			
Completion of this worksheet and documentation does not constitute agreement to provide EQIP program benefits nor approval of a program contract. The original screening worksheet should be filed with the applicant case file or EQIP program file and unless the application is determined to be ineligible, the screening priority (high, medium, and low) must be recorded in ProTracts. Upon request, a copy of any completed screening worksheet may be provided to the applicant.			
<b>Detailed Screening Criteria Worksheet – Complete for each eligible EQIP Applicant</b>			
Applicant Name:		County:	
Application No:		Field Office:	
Evaluator Name:		Date:	
<b>Priority Determination for ProTracts – Select One:</b>			
<b>High Priority Category:</b> The application is for an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (122 or 124); Or The application includes at least 1 “Core” conservation practice necessary to implement the recommendations identified in a recently (within the last 4 years) completed Agricultural Energy Management Plan (122 or 124) or comprehensive on-farm energy audit meeting ASABE S612 Type 2 standard.			<b>High Priority</b> Status in ProTracts
<b>Medium Priority Category:</b> The application includes 0 “Core” conservation practices but does include at least 1 “Supporting” conservation practice necessary to implement the recommendations identified in a recently (within the last 4 years) completed Agricultural Energy Management Plan (122 or 124) or comprehensive on-farm energy audit meeting ASABE S612 Type 2 standard.			<b>Medium Priority</b> Status in ProTracts
<b>Low Priority Category:</b> Low Priority Applications <u>will not be ranked</u> . All other applications			<b>Low Priority</b> Status in ProTracts

The priority determination of high, medium or low must be recorded in ProTracts for this applicant.

D.C. Approval:		Date Approved:	
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